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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Thank you for reaching a settlement in the Microsoft case. Our economy is not in a position to grow with Microsoft tied up in Court.

This settlement was reached after lengthy deliberations between your department and Microsoft. The deliberations were aided by a court-appointed mediator. The concessions are hard fought on both sides, and should not be discarded.

If the settlement is implemented, there is serious potential for both strong short term growth and sustained long term growth in the computer industry and the economy. In the short term, the effects of the settlement will be immediate. Computer makers will be allowed to reconfigure Windows operating systems to add existing software programs from non-Microsoft companies. In the long term, Microsoft's agreements to revise its pricing practices and distribution agreements will allow for sustained growth by providing incentives for research and development.

I hope that common sense prevails and this settlement is approved.

Sincerely,

Earl Jenness